

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Perhaps we shall have to accept the statement of the Wade Court of Inquiry that the army beef was not embalmed. But as the New York Outlook observes, "there is nothing in the finding which will remove, or ought to remove, the painful impression that incompetent officials were appointed in the Quartermaster's and Commissary Departments for political reasons; that the organization of those departments is

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Then came the war with Spain and the first American officer who fell was Worth Bagley, a North Carolinian. In the famous battle of Manila the first shot was fired by a vessel named in honor of our capitol city. Lieut Shipp, one of the bravest, fell gallantly leading a charge and he was from the Tar Heel State. Victor Blue performed many daring feats and rendered great service to the country and it was straightway discovered that he was of North Carolina stock. Then Lieut. Hobson astonished two continents by his bravery in sinking the Merrimac and lo! we found that he, too, was of North Carolina parentage! Then again the cruiser named in honor of the "City of Oaks" fired the last shot in the last battle of the war and gave the first salute to a Spanish vessel after the strife was over. But this is not enough. News comes that Col. Frederick Funston, of the Twentieth Kan-

Charity covereth a multitude of sins,  
but it is the sins of our fellows which  
ye must cover by it—not our own.

## THE THINKERS.

NEGRO DISFRANCHISEMENT.

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## EDITING AND "FILLING" A NEWS PAPER.

"We know all about the difference between 'filling' a paper and 'editing' a paper. Any one, almost, can 'fill' a paper in two hours. Only he who is willing to give days and nights of intelligent, faithful toil can 'edit' a paper. If any one has an idea that the work of an editor is a sinecure we would say that, as far as the possession of facts is concerned, the absence of such an idea is better than its presence."

## ONE SHORT YEAR.

Meanwhile, after more than a century of prosperity and growth, under a political system that has been free from serious foreign entanglements, the

**ELECT SENATORS BY DIRECT VOTE.**

Resulting from factional fights in the several General Assemblies three States will have but one U. S. Senator each in the next Congress, and four, Pennsylvania, will have two only by the permission of the United States Senate. There will be in the Senate fifty one Republicans, twenty-six Democrats, four Populists, four Silver Republicans, one Independent. The failure of Legislatures to elect and the frequent defeat of the popular will by the corruption of Legislatures, the significantly growing number of Senators whose influence is owed to their wealth, all hasten the day when the people will demand to elect United States Senators themselves. Already it is perfectly clear that conditions have so changed that legislative elections of Senators is not safe or wise.—Biblical Recorder.

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

That persistent dream of the ages, the brotherhood of man, must be actualized into a living reality if civilization is to continue its upward trend. With intellectual growth we must have moral development. The fate of Greece and Rome is a significant warning of what inevitably follows physical development and intellectual culture when such blessings are not accompanied by spiritual growth. We must develop the ethical side of man's nature. We must emphasize the idea of moral responsibility. The Golden Rule is the foundation upon which to build the superstructure of a higher civilization. It is the advance order for humanity to day. All men are brothers, but the needy, the unfortunate, and the erring are the ones who call most urgently for our aid, our help, and our best endeavor.—The Coming Age.

**ABOUT LYNCHING.**

"There is a sure cure for lynching in North Carolina. It is possibly the only one as yet known. It is for the scoundrels who commit rapes and assassinate white men to cease their crimes. That done public sentiment will be too healthy, too just, too humane to tolerate violence by mobs."

This is too much, says the Hickory Mercury, even for the editor of the Asheville Gazette, though he be only Philistine and not one of the Lord's elect. The Gazette makes the following comment on the saintly reverend's editorial effusion:

"We are weary of these excuses for lynching. Since the exhibition of a week ago in Georgia of what the lynching mania leads to it seems to be a poor time to encourage the business. The only way to put a stop to lynching is to quit talking such nonsense as that of the Messenger's and to condemn mob violence as a crime that no community should tolerate. Because one murder is committed in a community is no reason why a large part of the community should turn in and commit murder. If we are forced to wait till all the rapists and murderers are extinct before we begin to humanize ourselves we will wait until the lunatic asylums are empty, alcohol ceases to inebriate and dogs cease to go mad."

One of the saddest features of the late trouble in Georgia which culminated in burning a negro criminal at the stake was the lynching of an innocent negro preacher by the name of Strickland. The spectators of the former lynching were told by Hose, the criminal, that he had been instigated to his crime by Strickland. This statement was strenuously denied by Major Thomas, one of the most reputable citizens of that section. The crowd, heated by the terrible scene on which they had been gazing, acted on the testimony of Hose, and hung on their victim, who protested his innocence unto the last. This fact illustrates the dangerous potencies which slumber in the crime of lynching. The guilty one is not the only victim. Any innocent man, no matter who he may be, is liable to fall a victim to the fury of the mob. The only thing for all good people to do is to advocate the necessity of allowing the law to take its course.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

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